

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are now present in this application, with new claims 5-7 being added by the present Preliminary Amendment.

Changes made in the Preliminary Amendment have been made to correct minor informalities and to place the application, including the claims, in better form for U.S. practice. No changes in the claims have been made to avoid prior art.

Accordingly, an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-7 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

CONCLUSION

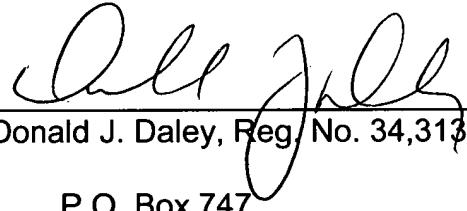
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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